

NEWRY MEETING OF 12TH JULY.

RETURN to an Order of the Honorable The House of Commons,
dated 21 July 1884;—for,

COPY " of REPORT of MEETING held at Newry on the 12th July, from the
Resident Magistrates who were on Duty in that Town on the above-named
Date."

Armagh, Newry, 13 July 1884.

It affords us pleasure to report now that the satisfactory condition of matters in Newry yesterday, as reported to you by wire from time to time, continued last night, and that, notwithstanding all predictions to the contrary, we have received no report of any injury to person or property being committed during the day or night.

The Orange demonstration yesterday in numbers far exceeded any similar meeting, some going so far as to estimate the attendance as little short of 20,000 persons. Lord Bangor, Lord A. Hill, Mr. Thompson, M.P., Mr. Wingfield Verner, Mr. Swanderson, Major Hall, and other Orange celebrities, walked in the procession.

The Orangemen were permitted to proceed through Hill-street, the debatable ground, to their place of meeting, and no restriction whatever was offered to their movements; once they intimated their decision that their route would include Hill-street; in short, the same facility and similar protection that had been granted on the 8th of last month to the so-called Nationalist meeting, was equally given to the Orange demonstration on yesterday.

The advanced Nationalists did not betray any open hostility, but at the same time ample precautions were taken to safeguard the public peace.

We did not remark any undue triumph on the part of the Orangemen, or any provocative conduct; and they appeared very sober.

Mr. Thompson, in trying to save a man who threw a stone at the procession, in mistake, was rather roughly handled by some of his own men.

A man was charged with firing in the street a shot from a revolver, but at the time the procession had left the town. Depositions have been taken by Major Wyse and the man admitted to guilt; but as the case is *sub judice*, we are not in a position to pronounce an opinion as to the truth of the allegation.

(signed) J. S. Macleod, R.M.
A. G. Wyse, R.M.
J. A. Conolly, R.M.
George MacCarthy, R.M.

